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Press Conference:

HFD Arson Investigators Catch Serial Arsonist

WHAT: HFD Arson investigators have identified a serial arsonist who has set numerous fires in southeast Houston.

WHEN: Today, August 11, 2007 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: HFD Fire Marshal Office, 2139 West 12th Street.

DETAILS: HFD arson investigators have been investigating a serial arsonist who has been setting numerous vehicle fires around the 7000 block of Harrisburg in southeast Houston.

As a result of the investigation efforts by the investigators and video showing the arsonist, a 59-year-old man, Robert Hoffman has admitted to setting several of the fires.

Update - He has been charged with two counts of felony arson with additional charges pending and was taken into custody Saturday, August 11.